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PEACE HOPES
SHATTERED

A few days ago many observant
people supposed they heard the faint
cooing of the dove of peace. Catho-
lic prelates were hurrying from city
to city in Europe upon what were be-
lieved to be peace missions, the peo-
ple of Germany were represented to
be talking of nothing else, Pierpont
Morgans trip up the Potomac was
thought to be in the interests of a
movement toward bringing hostilities
to a close, and a significant paragraph
in the Kaiser's reply to President
Wilson on the submarine issue was
interpreted as a bid for tranquil con-
ditions once more.

But the war cloud still hangs dis-
mally over Europe. The Germans at
Verdun are holding on with a bull-
dog tenacity, and are bringing up big
guns with which they hope to batter
down all opposition to them in north-
ern France.

Many dreamed a few days ago
that the United States was about to
play a prominent part in restoring
peace. The Norfolk Virginia-Pilot in
this connection says:

If there were any foundation for
the current reports that the Pope of
Rome had solicited the good offices of
the United States to bring about a
parley between the belligerent na-
tions of Europe for discussion of
terms on which an armistice might be
declared and propositions for peace
be discussed, there would still re-
main the fact that neither of the com-
batants has signified the slightest
disposition to suspend war's opera-
tions, or even to give a hearing to any
scheme of settlement which its op-
ponents could afford to accept. Ger-
many's peace talk has been obviously
intended to create sentiment at home
and has been based on the false as-
sumption that she has won triumphs
of a magnitude entitling her to play
the role of a generous victor and
fix the price at which to halt her
march of conquest. Great Britain,
France and Russia, on the other hand
have joined in resenting the idea that
either of them will sheath its sword
until the power of the Teutonic
league has been broken. Further, it is
evident that even were the time propi-
tious for a third party to inter-
vene with proffers to act as a concili-
ator, the United States is not in a
position with regard to the most in-
fluential of the contending powers to
justify her volunteering to umpire
their differences. We have unsettled
accounts with both Great Britain and
Germany, and it is certain that the
latter would flout contemptuously the
suggestion that America should be
the mediator of her quarrel with
either member of the quintuple al-
liance. The current rumors are abar-
dant on their face. Germany will
never put her case in the hands of a
nation which has arranged her be-
fore the bar of world opinion for
conduct which is a blot on modern
civilization and in defiance of all law,
human and divine.

THE DEPLETED
SHAD CROP

Notwithstanding the predictions a
few months ago to the effect that
there was to be a more abundant sup-
ply of shad during the season now
about to close, the fishery of 1916
has been disappointing. A Baltimore
paper, in commenting upon the
dearth of shad, says:

Near the middle of May when the
shad crop should be at the heavy de-
livery stage the marketmen are say-
ing that the yield is running small;
that the supply is nothing like up to
the demand. Twenty years ago the
shad was a spring time luxury just
as it has been this year, but then it
was a luxury cheap, abundant,
easily obtained. This season, the shad
roes separated from the shad, has
been retailing for about the price of
a roe shad—a big shad with the roe
in—twenty years ago. The catch of
shad in the upper waters of the
Chesapeake region last year was so
small that the big fisheries on the
Susquehanna and North East Rivers
were almost closed down. Judging
from the supply that is coming to
Baltimore the yield this year is not
running much if any larger than
last year.

What is the cause of this falling
off in the shad run? Are the fisher-
ies at the lower end of the Bay get-
ting all the shad and sending them
to other markets? That does not
seem to be the case. Baltimore has
always been the main market for
shad caught at the lower end of the
Bay; more so than for the upper fish-
eries which ship largely to New York
and Philadelphia. Roe shad are quot-
ed in the Philadelphia market at \$1
per, about the same price that is be-
ing asked here for the best grade.
The reasonable inference seems to be
that the trappers at the lower end
of the Bay have, in recent years, so
blocked the movements of fish to their
natural spawning grounds, as to de-
plete the average yield. Carp, eels,
and catfish destroy a large percentage
of shad eggs, and with the decrease
deposits of eggs on the spawning bot-
toms, the bottom feeding fish are
taking pretty nearly all. That is one
of the theories explaining the de-
crease in the shad runs, and it seems
a reasonable theory.

IRISH EXECUTIONS.

(Baltimore American)

Premier Asquith has intimated that
the dreadful toll of execution will be
stayed and that there will be no more
capital punishment for the Irish re-
bels under military law. The protest
entered against the monotony of
daily executions of the misled dream-
ers and fanatics had had its effect.
It is true that the uprising was at-
tended by the murder of many
scores of persons, among them a long
list of the innocent. The destruction
of life and property was enormous.

Yet there is sentimental feeling
for the men who, however wrong
headed, were actuated by what they
believed to be a patriotic impulse. A
consideration that weighs with Eng-
land in its disposition toward mercy
is that the Irish, both Nationalists
and Ulsterites, now seem ready to
unite to further the ends of home rule
for Ireland. It has been charged
against the English government that
the Ulsterites in their arming against
home rule and threats of civil war
were worse offenders than the Irish
rebels. They would have been, had
there been bloodshed, and they would
have been treated accordingly. But
the Ulsterites now have been given
an object-lesson and they, no more
than the Nationalists, will do any-
thing in the future to cause rebellion
in Ireland. The radical Separatists
have thus unwittingly done much
for the interests of their country, and
the larger hope of Ireland will be
realizable.

STANDARD PRICE BILL

(Communicated)

To the Editor:

In newspapers lately, I have notice
of a common fallacy in regard to the
operation of the Stephens Standard
Price Bill—that it will apply to all
merchandise. The truth of the mat-
ter is that only a small part of a
retailer's stock will be affected, mark-
ed goods.

Another mistaken conception which
opponents of Standard Price laws
have, is that such a system of mer-
chandising would be impractical for
goods of a perishable nature. The
supporters of this notion overlook
the fact that the bill is permissive
and not mandatory. No producer need
come under the protection of its pro-
visions unless he desires to do so.
Undoubtedly much confusion of
thought is caused by failure to bear
in mind all the time the fact that
the Stephens Bill is only expected to
specifically cover standard articles of
national reputation which are used
as "bait" to demoralize trade—such
articles as a rule, have a steady vol-
ume of sale.

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. WILDT

NEWS OF THE DAY

Turkish aeroplanes successfully
bombed Port Said, the Turkish
war office announces.

Gregory Rasputin, the Russian
monk and mystic, who is reputed to
have exercised great influence over
Emperor Nicholas, has it is said been
assassinated.

Connell Devlin, of Summer Hill,
near Norwich, Conn., died Wednes-
day, at the age of 118. He was born
in Donegal, Ireland. He never wore
glasses, although he read the news-
papers constantly. His grandmother
lived to be 118.

The German Reichstag, by a vote
of 229 to 111, yesterday ratified the
decision of the committee refusing
the release of Dr. Karl Liebknecht,
the Socialist leader, or to postpone his
trial on the charge of having partici-
pated in a demonstration in Berlin
on May 1, according to a dispatch
from Berlin.

Burnet Knepe, 24 years old, of
Dayton, Ohio, yesterday shot and
killed Fred Kistner, his rival in a
love affair, then fired three shots into
the body of the girl, Henrietta Mack-
ey, and turning the gun on himself
blazed away again. The girl will
probably die. The gun-user will live
it is said. The triple shooting took
place at the girl's home.

Swiss Socialists report they have
received information that three Ger-
man officers and 32 soldiers, all So-
cialists, have been shot for distribu-
ting in the trenches a pamphlet con-
cerning the second Socialist peace
conference at Zimmerwald, near
Berne. At this conference protests
were made by Socialists of many
countries against methods of war-
fare which the delegates said had
been adopted by the Germans.

Officials of the Portsmouth, N. H.,
Navy Yard are investigating the
story of a sentry who said he fired
early yesterday morning at a man
who was acting suspiciously near the
ship where the submarine L-8 is be-
ing built. The man disappeared, ac-
cording to the sentry, who suggested
the possibility that he was shot and
fell into the water. According to the
sentry the man whistled as if signal-
ing to some one.

"If Ireland were governed by men
of bedlam," shouted John Dillon in
the British house of commons yester-
day afternoon, "they could not
pursue a more insane policy. You
are turning loose a river of blood be-
tween two races, which, after these
hundred years of hatred, we had nearly
succeeded in bringing together. You
are washing out our whole life
work in a sea of blood. If military
rule is to be continued in Ireland, the
government had better get ready
100,000 men to garrison the country."

The \$20,000 alienation suit brought
by Mrs. Richard Kendall, of Rich-
mond against Mrs. Bettie Hunt Carr,
wife of Dr. George Carr a dentist of
Durham, N. C. was compromised
yesterday, when Mrs. Kendall was
paid \$1,100 as a heart balm. The
complaint alleged that Mrs. Carr
eloped with Richard Kendall, the hus-
band of the plaintiff. The parties in-
volved are prominent socially in
North Carolina and Virginia. The
case has been responsible for the in-
stitution of divorce proceedings by
Dr. Carr against his wife.

VIRGINIA NEWS

There came to the Polish Victims'
Relief Fund in New York yesterday
a check for five dollars with the re-
quest that the receipt be sent to Sidna
Allen, care of the Virginia State Peni-
tentiary, Richmond.

With the graduation of 31 students
into the Presbyterian ministry, the
Union Theological Seminary at Rich-
mond on Wednesday sent forth the
largest class in its history at the one
hundred and third annual commence-
ment of the institution.

The steamship Berkshire of the
Merchants and Miners' Transporta-
tion Company, early yesterday morn-
ing crashed into the coal barge Ivie
and sank it in Hampton Roads, in
sight of Old Point Comfort. With a
rapidly widening break in the bow
the Berkshire, after taking aboard the
crew of the barge, made all speed to
Hampton Bar, where it beached and
prevented sinking.

Carrie Evans, 24 years old, an
adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert B. Dunaway, committed sui-
cide Wednesday at Lancaster, by
shooting herself in the temple with
a pistol. She had been in declining
health for some time. Mr. and Mrs.
Dunaway and a married sister of
Miss Evans were out calling Wednes-
day night, and on their return found
Miss Evans dead on the bathroom
floor with a pillow under her head and
a pistol beside her.

A negro youth came near being

lynched in Richmond Wednesday af-
ternoon in the northern end of the
city by a crowd of negroes who be-
came incensed at a brutal attack he
was alleged to have made on a small
colored girl. A member of the crowd
had a rope ready to strangle up the
alleged offending youth when some col-
ored women rushed up and interced-
ed for the latter, begging that his
life be spared. Their plea is believed
to have saved his life. As it was,
the youth was pretty roughly hand-
led, being kicked about, pummeled
and cut with a knife.

VA NEWS y.?

Further investigation of the ruins
of the frame building destroyed by
fire at Wallaceton, Norfolk county,
Wednesday night, has disclosed the
fact that the death rate was larger
than at first thought. Instead of thir-
teen, about thirty negroes perished in
the flames. With one exception, all
were women and children. The bodies
were badly charred and could not be
recognized. In addition to the num-
ber known to be dead, a score or more
men, women and children were in-
jured.

While digging on the main State
road in New Kent county, about nine
miles west of Plum Point, Jerry Jac-
obson, of Plum Point, unearthed the
bones of what appeared to be a mas-
todon. The bones were found in a
blue sandy marl, about eighteen in-
ches under the surface, and were com-
pletely petrified. Mr. Jacobson
brought one of the spinal column
bones to West Point. It was six in-
ches wide and ten inches thick.

NOTED NOVELS REJECTED

Publishers Declined "East Lynne"
and "Treasure Island."

The literary beginner is apt to be
downhearted when his pet produc-
tion—verse, story or article—is re-
turned with the cold printed intima-
tion that it is not acceptable to an
editor or publisher. But he is in good
company, as the annals of literary life
abundantly prove.

John Milton's "Paradise Lost" was
disposed of for a song and Mark
Twain experienced considerable diffi-
culty in finding a publisher for In-
nocents Abroad.

It has been recently stated that
"East Lynne," as a novel and play,
has been more profitable than a gold
mine, yet it was rejected by George
Meredith when publisher's reader for
Chapman and Hall.

That famous sensational novel "Cal-
led Back" was published by the Bristol
publisher, Arrowsmith, and just when
it was at the height of its success
a young man sent some new stories
from India, along with a letter which
made the publisher imagine the writer
thought too much of himself, so he
rejected the stories. He regretted it
to the day of his death, because the
young man was Rudyard Kipling.

George R. Sims declares that a
short story he wrote was declined by
the Family Herald Chambers' Jour-
nal and All the Year Round, and Sir
Rider Haggard tells us that "Dawn"
was sent back to him at least six

GOT RID OF MY CORNS
WITH MAGIC 'GETS-IT'Simplest Corn Cure in the World—No
Pain, No Fuss, New, Sure way.

When corns make you almost "die
with your boots on," when you've
soaked them and picked them and
sliced them, when corn-swelling



Why Have Corns At All When "Gets-It"
Removes Them the New, Dead-Sure Way?

salves, and tapes, bandages, and
plasters that make corns pop-eyed,
faster, just hold your heart a moment
and figure this: Put two drops of
"Gets-It" on the corn. It dries at
once. You can put your shoes and
stockings on right over it. The corn
is doomed. It makes the corn come
off clear and clean. It's the new,
easy way. Nothing to stick or press
on the corn. You can wear smaller
shoes. You'll be a joy-walker. No
pain, no trouble. Accept no substitu-
tes.

"Gets-It" is sold by druggist every-
where. 25c a bottle, or sent direct by
E. Lawrence and Co. Chicago, Ill.

times before it found a publisher.
W. W. Jacobs had a similar ex-
perience with "Many Cargoes." He
tried it all around London until an-
other humorist, Jerome, took pity on
it and ran the stories in Today.

J. J. Bell actually had to publish
"Wee Macgregor" himself. He got
John Hassell to draw the famous cov-
er and became his own publisher
with excellent results to himself and
the public.

Sir William Robertson Nicoll states
that he knows a publishing house that
has the record of having declined
Stevenson, Barrie, Kipling and Cro-
ckett. Certain it is that R. L. S. did
not find it easy to sell "Treasure Is-
land." So Mr. Beginner, do not de-
spair.

LOOKING FOR BOMB ON MALL.

This is the Day Agriculture Building
is to be Blown Up.

Washington, May 12.—Four Cen-
tral Office detectives and an augment-
force of Government watchmen are
patrolling the Department of Agri-
culture today to forestall any pos-
sible attempt to dynamite the main
building.

These precautions are the result of
anonymous letters received several
days ago by local newspapers stating
that the main building was to be de-
stroyed today.

While the police believe the letters
to be the work of a crank, and the
department officials are of the opin-
ion they may have originated with
some disgruntled employe, a police
patrol was established at the depart-
ment yesterday, and will be contin-
ued until midnight tonight.

Nothing suspicious was noticed
during last night's patrol and the po-
lice believe that today is likely to
pass without any attempt to destroy
the building. There were quite a
number of applications for leave to-
day among the employes of the De-
partment of Agriculture, and practi-
cally everybody who could obtain
permission to be absent failed to re-
port for duty this morning.

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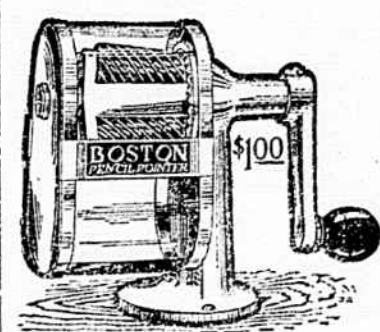
Rebuilding
Sale

NOW IN PROGRESS

Our entire 8th st. building
has been torn down and in
its stead a New 6 Story Steel
Structure will be built. All
the departments that were lo-
cated there in have been mov-
ed to the front store. New
Merchandise is coming in
every day and we have no
room for it consequently.

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES
are being offered in every de-
partment throughout our es-
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from any distance to take ad-
vantage of the wonderful op-
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Obtainable everywhere.

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corner Lee Street containing eight rooms and bath. Lot
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of 91 feet 6 inches on Lee Street to a 10 foot alley in
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J. L. Perry, Cashier

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Take notice that the regular Coun-
cil meeting on Thursday, sleep, May
11, is called for "seven o'clock", ac-
count class adoption of Pale faces.

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Sachem Chief of Records

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